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Miami University proposes to publish annually in its May Bulletin interesting announcements for the coming Commencement, together with the report of the necrologist of the Alumni Association for the past year and a list of surviving alumni of fifty or more years standing.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY, JUNE TENTH TO FOURTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIX.

EVENTS.

1. SUNDAY, the tenth of June at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, the Baccalaureate sermon by the President of the University in Bishop Chapel.
2. SUNDAY, the tenth of June at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, the anniversary of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, sermon by the Reverend W. Beatty Jennings, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Detroit, Michigan, in Bishop Chapel.
3. MONDAY, the eleventh of June, at two o'clock in the afternoon the third annual commencement of the Ohio State Normal School of Miami University, in Bishop Chapel. Address by the Honorable Fassett A. Cotton, Ph. B., State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Indiana.
4. MONDAY, the eleventh of June, in Bishop Chapel, at seven-thirty in the evening the class day exercises of the Baccalaureate Seniors—Presenting "Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors."
5. TUESDAY, the twelfth of June, at ten o'clock in the morning, in the University Library, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.
6. TUESDAY, the twelfth of June, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, in Bishop Chapel, the Annual Gold Medal

Oratorical Contest.

7. WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth of June, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in Association Chapel, Room 122, Main Building the Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association.
8. WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth of June, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, the Anniversary of the Alumni Association in Bishop Chapel, the Alumni Address to be delivered by Doctor Stephen Cooper Ayres, of Cincinnati, a graduate with the class of 1861.
9. WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth of June, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the anniversaries of the Literary Societies in the Erodelphian and Miami Union Halls.
10. WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth of June, from four o'clock to six o'clock in the afternoon, the President's Reception at Lewis Place, in honor of the alumni, trustees, graduating classes and visiting friends.
11. WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth of June, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, in Bishop Chapel, the Grand Concert of the Department of Music, under the direction of Professor Shiloh Shaffer Myers, Mus. D., Mr. Edward Barrow, soloist.
12. THURSDAY, the fourteenth of June, at nine-forty-five o'clock in the morning the Academic procession.
13. THURSDAY, the fourteenth of June, at ten o'clock in forenoon on the University Campus, the Baccalaureate Commencement—Oration by the Honorable Jonathan P. Dolliver, United States Senator from Iowa.
14. THURSDAY, the fourteenth of June, at eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, conferring of degrees and announcement of Academic honors and prizes.
15. THURSDAY, the fourteenth of June, at twelve o'clock, noon, formal closing of eighty-second university year.

NOTES.

Mr. Edward Barrow, the famous English tenor of New York City, will sing at all the exercises of the week, and music will also be rendered by the Miami University Orchestra.

In case of unfavorable weather the exercises of Commencement Day, June fourteenth, will be held in Bishop Chapel instead of on the campus.

Alumni, former students, and other friends coming from a distance will confer a favor by writing to Prof. E. E. Brandon, Ph. D., Oxford, Ohio, indicating the exercises for which they wish seats reserved.

Meals can be secured at Hepburn Hall and the University Inn on the campus during the week at twenty-five cents each.

Friends desiring lodging accommodations should write Professor Anna E. Logan, Chairman of Committee on Entertainment, Oxford, Ohio.

Admission is free to all the exercises of Commencement week save the class day exercises on Monday evening, to which the admission fee will be twenty-five cents.

ALUMNI HONOR ROLL.

The following are the surviving graduates of at least fifty years standing, with their classes and their present addresses.

1837. Peregrine D. Foster, Glenwood, Ia.; Dr. Chas. T. McCaughan, Winterset, Ia.

1838. David McCaw, Columbia, Tenn.; Hon. J. P. Reynolds, Chicago, Ill.

1839. Samuel B. Holley, Cincinnati.

1840. Rev. Mitchell M. Brown, Golden, Ill.

1841. Geo. L. Andrew, M. D., Chicago; Rev. Arthur R. Naylor,———; Calvin F. Vance, Memphis, Tenn.

1842. Arnaldo F. Pack, Pueblo, Colo.; Jos. Stout, M. D. Ottawa, Ill.

1844. Jas. E. Galloway, Xenia, O.; Rev. J. M. Heron, Jamestown, O.

1845. Hon. John W. Herron, Cincinnati; Rev. Benj. C. Swan, Metropolis, Ill.

1846. Rev. Henry A. Booth, Santa Ana, Calif.; Jos. B. Leake, Chicago.

1847. Chas. Stewart, Easton, Pa.

1848. Jas. M. Cory, Fresno, Calif.; Rev. S. S. Laws, Washington, D. C.

1849. Jas. B. Combs, M. D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. Robt. Morrison, Fulton, Mo.; Rev. Jas. N. Swan, Toronto, O.

1850. Andrew M. Brooks, Springfield, Ill.; J. W. Lindley, Frederickton, O.

1851. Allen A. Barrett, M. D., Jerseyville, Ill.; Geo. Crane, Dubuque, Ia.; Rev. J. M. Layman, Piqua, O.; Rev. T. N. Haskell,

Denver, Colo.; A. W. Rogers, Warrensburg, Mo.

1852. Rev. H. Denny, New York; Rev. A. C. Junkin, Westminster, Calif.; Rev. S. T. Lowrie, Philadelphia; Rev. D. Morrow Oakland, Calif.; Rev. W. H. Prestley, Decatur, Ill.; Lewis W. Ross, Council Bluffs, Ia.

1853. Wm. Burgoyne, Gincinnati; P. C. Conklin, Hamilton, O.; Rev. R. C. Galbraith, Chillicothe, O.; H. T. Helm, Chicago; F. M. Hunt, Lafayette, Ind.; Rev. J. P. E. Kumler, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. J. H. Marshall, Arkansas City, Kan.; W. M. Morrison, Fern Creek, Ky.; G. R. Patton, M.D. Lake City, Minn.; J. H. Rodgers, M. D., Springfield, O.; W. M. Trevor, Parkersburg, W. Va.

1854. J. E. Brown, Baldwin,N. Y.; Rev. D. R. Colmery, Los Angeles, Calif.; Stephen Crane, Hamilton, O.; T. C. Hibbett, Smyrna, Tenn.; G. A. Howard, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. J. T. Killen, Forman, N. Dak.; Fred'k. Maltby, Pine Bend, Minn.; D. W. McClung, Cincinnati, E. P. Potter, Steubenville, O.; Rev. E. P. Shields, Bridgeton, N. J.; Henry Stoddard, Santa Barbara, Calif.; H. M. Woodruff, Pewee Valley, Ky.

1855. L. N. Bonham Oxford, O.; N. M. Brown, Oskaloosa, Ia.; Rev. G. E. Bruce, Lynn, Mass.; Rev. I. M. Hughes, Richmond, Ind.; Rev .T. E. Hughes, Logansport, Ind.; J. B. MacDill, M. D., Camp Grove, Ill.; Rev. W. H. Reid, Howard, Kan.; Rev. L. M. Stevens, Sorrento, Fla.; Gen. G. P. Thruston, Nashville, Tenn.

1856. A. S. Berry, Newport, Ky.; U. T. Curran, Sandusky, O.; Rev. J. C. Hutchinson, Cherokee, Ia.; Rev. J. A. P. McGaw, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Rev. W. J. McSurely, Oxford, O.; Rev. B. F. Miller, Sedro, Wash.; Hon. Whitelaw Reid, New York, (London); T. H. Rogers, Monmouth, Ill.; W. C. Smith, Springfield, O.; Wm. Taylor, Bournville, O.; J. A. Zeller, Jacksonville, Ill.

Any interesting items concerning deceased or surviving alumni or former students will be gladly welcomed by the necrologist and historiographer, Dr. Wm. J. McSurely, Oxford, Ohio.

NECROLOGY FOR 1905-1906.

Prepared by the Rev. Dr. Wm. J. McSurely, Necrologist of the Alumni Association of Miami University.

WILLIAM CRAIGHEAD was born in the city of Dayton, Sept. 1, 1835, and died there April 19, 1905. He was prepared for college in the public schools of Dayton, and was graduated from

Miami University in 1855. He was admitted to the bar in 1861. During the Civil War he served with the hundred day troops. He was City Solicitor for two terms. He is spoken of as greatly devoted to his profession and as excelling in the preparation of briefs. He was a diffident man, shrinking from publicity, and this made him reserved and apparently cold. Yet he was a man of kindly heart and was always a gentleman.

His brothers in his profession say of him that "He did not easily form friendships but a friendship once formed was never lost. When one reached the depth of William Craighead's nature, he found warmth of feeling, sincere and valuable companionship, the most attractive qualities of the human mind and heart. Anger, impatience, resentment were wholly foreign to his nature, Combined with an equable amiable, temperament was the loyalty to his profession which forbade the entertaining of grudges, the harboring of ill feeling or the making of enemies. The last analysis finds no trace of littleness in his character."

James McLean Smith, of the class of 1859, was born at Troy, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1838 and died at his home near Dayton, July 4, 1905.

Here in College he stood first in his class, and then, as later, he was always neat in his dress and tastes, and gentlemanly in his conduct. He was admitted to the bar in 1861, but never engaged in its practice. For many years he was a farmer and stock raiser, in which avocation he took great pride and he furnished many valuable papers for the agricultural press. He served in the Ohio Legislature one term; was editor and proprietor of the Daily and Weekly Ledger in 1867–68; was editor and proprietor of the Daily and Weekly Democrat in 1874–77; was a Trustee of Miami University from 1872 to 1896, 24 years. He was a Trustee of the Ohio State University from 1897 until his death.

Our brother Smith was a man of the highest character in his integrity, his honesty, and loyalty to his convictions. He could not have stooped to anything low or mean. He was a man to be loved and admired and trusted. In a modest, quiet way he lived a busy and useful life.

Abram M. Pence, LL. D., of the class of 1860, was born at Urbana, Ohio, March 26, 1838, and died, while on a tour through Europe, in the city of Paris, Sept. 5, 1905.

Mr. Pence was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School and admitted to the bar in 1862, and almost immediately opened an office in Chicago. He was very successful and acquired not only a lucrative practice, but also a high standing in the courts of that city. He was the alumni orator at the commencement of 1903 and received the degree of doctor of laws from this University. Neat in his dress, gentlemanly in his address, studious and diligent in his business, he was widely influential and useful in his adopted city.

Thomas Clarence Magoffin, of the class of 1869, was born at Bainbridge, O., March 4, 1850, and died at his home in Washington, D. C., Sept. 7, 1905. After his graduation here he went west, locating as a merchant in Rice Co, Kansas. He was very active in public duties and in church work in the young state. He served the county as treasurer for a time, and served his church as Sunday School superintendent for fifteen years. He was also actively identified with Y. M. C. A. and temperance work. Receiving an appointment to work in the census department, he removed to Washington, D. C. He was a man of high ideas, sterling integrity and loveliness in character. It was said of him that the saying, "Faithful unto death" was expressive of his life.

The Rev. Benjamin Logan Baldridge was born in Adams Co., Ohio, in 1821 and died at Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 16, 1905. His father, the Rev. William Baldridge, was a pioneer minister in the Associate Reformed Church in Ohio, and his brother, Rev. S. C. Baldridge, who was graduated in the first class that went out from this University, was also a pioneer minister in Ind. and Ill. Benj. L. Baldridge was graduated here in 1845, and took his theological course in the seminary then located here. He was ordained to the ministry by the Michigan Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church, and was settled as pastor in Centreville, Mich., for some seven years. In 1857 he went as a missionary to Leavenworth, Kan., where he organized the First United Presbyterian church and served it as pastor. He was also Supt. of Public Instructions for the city and county of Leavenworth for six years. For ten years he was chaplain of the federal penitentiary in that city. In 1876 he was commissioned as chaplain in the army of the U. S. After his retirement he went to California.

Mr. Baldridge was a man characterized by modesty and sim-

plicity and disinterestedness. He loved to show kindness to others. His life was one of patient ministry toward the lonely or the friendless or the criminal, and these and all about him shared his kindness and his love. To many unfortunate men he brought the helpfulness of the loving Christ.

Dr. Lutellus Hussey was killed by a railroad train, at a crossing near his home at Lockland, Ohio, Sept, 26, 1905. We have not learned the place or the date of his birth, but his age must have been about 75 years. We know that a part, if not all his boyhood was passed at Hillsboro, Ohio, and he was probably trained for college at the Hillsboro Academy. He was graduated here in 1856. As a student he had a high standing and took great interest in what are now termed "nature studies." He studied medicine, but never practiced to any extent. For many years he devoted himself to farming. During the Civil War he was a useful officer in the Union army, his services covering a period of 45 months, a part of which time he served on the staff of Gen. Pyle. A noble, kind, good natured, diligent fellow was dear old Lute Hussey, the writer's classmate.

The Rev. Robert H. Hollyday, D. D., of the class of 1838, was born near South Salem, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1815, and died at his home in Findlay, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1905, in the ninty-first year of his age.

After Mr. Hollyday's graduation he studied for the ministry and was licensed by the Chillicothe Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in 1840 and ordained in 1841. He served several churches in Ohio, his longest pastorate being at Findlay where he labored twelve years.

His strong forte however was in home mission work. He had the pioneer's spirit and delighted in pioneer work. Without noise or show and without care for personal comfort or advantage, he did a great work for humanity and for God. He traveled over the greater part of Ohio before there were railroads sometimes using the canals, often going on foot, but generally on horseback. Many were the homes and schoolhouses and back country places that he visited and where he preached. Every philanthropic and charitable cause called out his sympathy and hearty help. He was a man of great faith and enthusiasm in good causes. It is said of him that he took a hopeful view of everything, that he was optimistic, that he never grew sour or des-

pondent or discouraged. In his sympathies he was near to all both young and old. He was a young Christian Endeavorer in spite of his years. He was as one of Lebanon's goodly cedars, a delight and a blessing to all who knew him. The Record has called him old, yes more than 90 years old, but he never grew old.

We have dwelt upon this sketch of our brother because he and such as he, have contributed so much to the upbuilding and enlightenment of our state. It is said of him that he dearly loved his Alma Mater, Miami University, and we do well to cherish his memory. To fit out Robert H. Hollyday for such a useful and well spent and bright a life as he lived was well worth while.

Miss Flora E. Beck, of the class of 1905, was born at Bethel, Ohio, April 24, 1858, and died at Washington, D. C., Nov. 26, 1905.

In her earlier years she lacked the opportunity for securing a liberal education, but the desire and ambition for this were with her and in the fall of 1902 she entered Miami University. She followed a high ideal in all her life, and to her the call of duty was imperative.

After her graduation here last June she planned to take the degree of doctor of philosophy at the George Washington University, and in November of last year she went on to that University, expecting there to teach and also study for her degree; but in a few days suddenly death called her away.

The Rev. Henry M. Shockley was born near Dover, Del., Feb. 19, 1826, and died near Lewisville, Ind., Dec. 31, 1905. In his boyhood his parents removed to Highland Co., Ohio. He received his preparatory training for college at the Hillsboro Academy and was graduated here in 1855. He was a diligent student and ranked high in his scholarship. He studied theology at the McCormick Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church in 1859. For some years he served different churches in eastern Indiana and western Ohio and also was principal of schools at New Castle, Ind., for six years. He also served churches at Sedalia, Mo., and Hutchinson and Larned and Phillipsburg, Kans. It has been said of him, that "Whether as a student, teacher or minister, Mr. Shockley's life was characterized by such industry, sincerity and devotion to the right, as well as by such high ideals, quickness of perception, and courage

in the discharge of duty, and by such liberality and charity for all as fitted him to be a true and safe leader of men."

The Rev. William C. Coleman was born near Carrollton, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1836. His parents moved to Adams Co. where he was prepared for college. He was graduated here in 1860; attended the Theological School at Pittsburg and was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Chillicothe in Sept. 1862. He was pastor at West Union and Manchester, Ohio and at Pleasant Hill and Kansas City, Mo. He was also engaged at different times in educational work. He was both an educator and a religious worker, and he was a strong man in either field. He was a useful and helpful man, who proved himself to be a workman of whom no one need be ashamed. He died at Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 10, 1906.

Benjamin Franklin Davis was born in West Chester, Ohio, in 1845, and died at Madisonville, O., Jan. 19, 1906. He entered Miami University in 1861, but soon entered the army, first in the 86th regiment of O. V. I. and was transferred to the 2nd Ohio cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war. He again entered upon his studies in this University and was graduated here in 1869.

He became principal of the College Corner schools, and of the Hamilton High school, and superintendent of schools in Eaton, O. Removing to Cincinnati he was appointed to a position in the post office, which he filled for nearly 20 years. He was a man whose ability and industry and faithfulness made him an efficient worker, and his social qualities made him many friends.

The Rev. David Clark of the class of 1867, was born at Piqua, O., Jan. 9, 1836, and died suddenly at St. Louis, Jan. 22, 1906. He was a student in Washington College when the Civil War began and he enlisted in the 15th Penn. cavalry, and continued in the service until the close of the war. He entered Miami University in 1865, at a time when a number of young men who had served the country in the army, returned to enter college. Mr. Clark studied theology at McCormick Seminary at Danville and was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian church. He was pastor at Lebanon, O., Austin, Ill., Dallas, Tex., and Sandwich and Galena, Ill. He was moderator of the synod of Illinois in 1898, and stated clerk of the synod of Texas. Mr. Clark was a man of unresting diligence in labor, and had al-

ways the soldier's courage and zeal in answering the call of duty. He was faithful, patient, modest and genial; a grand, good man of the highest nobility of character. He loved to comfort and encourage his fellow men. He was a good soldier of his country and a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Dr. George Bachelor Peck, of the class of 1857, died at his home in Dorchester, Mass., Jan. 22, 1906, aged 72 years. After his graduation here he entered the Howard Medical School and there took the degree of M. D. He became an assistant surgeon in the Union army. After the Civil War he studied for the ministry in the Auburn Seminary, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Cincinnati in 1875. After preaching a short time he returned to the practice of medicine. He was author of a number of tracts or treatises of a religious character.

The Rev. Joseph Glass Monfort, D. D., LL.D., was born in Warren Co., O. Dec. 9, 1810, and died at his home on Walnut Hills, Feb. 1, 1906. His father was for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hamilton, and the son was graduated here in 1834. He at first took up the calling of a journalist, but afterward entered the ministry, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Greensburg, Ind., in 1839 and continued in this pastorate 13 years. He again entered upon journalism, and became editor of the Presbyter of the West, which afterward was known as the Herald and Presbyter. He held a number of prominent positions, was Trustee of Hanover College, Director of the Seminary of the Northwest, Director of Lane Seminary, President of Glendale College and for a time was a director of what is now called the Big Four R. R. He was moderator of the Synod of Indiana in 1851, of the synod of Cincinnati in 1856, and of the Synod of Ohio in 1886. He was an earnest advocate of the reunion of the old and new school churches and was a member of the joint committee on reunion, and the basis of the reunion followed his suggestion as to its wording.

Dr. Monfort was a man of positive convictions, yet he was catholic and charitable. He never urged his beliefs in a belligerant way, and so he had many friends whom he kept long and close. We were very proud of our venerable brother who tarried with us so long; and he too was proud of his Alma Mater, and he had a warm place for her in his heart. For a number of years he had been our senior alumnus. The next in order are Peregrine D.

Foster and Chas. T. McCaughan both of Iowa and Alfred Thomas of Washington, D. C., all of the class of 1837. There are now on our alumni roll, seven men yet living who were graduated during Dr. Bishop's administration.

Prof. Daniel Addison McMillan, of the class of 1868, was born near Morning Sun, in Preble Co., O., Oct. 20, 1847, and died in Mexico, Mo., March 4, 1906. He was a son of the Rev. Gavin McMillan, for many years pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Morning Sun. He was prepared for College in the Academy near his home. He entered upon the profession of teaching and continued in this for many years. He was superintendent of schools, first at Boonville, Mo., and afterward at Mexico, Mo., for 24 years. He was also a member of the Board of Curators of the Missouri State University, and for a short time Supt. of the Missouri Military Academy. He was appointed by Gov. Francis, an instructor in the State Training school. He took a high place among the educators of his adopted state, and had the confidence and respect of men in her public places.

Dr. Simon Augustus Hageman was born at Williamsburg, O., and died at his home in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, March 22, 1906. At the time of his death he was about 63 years old. He was graduated here in 1865. After teaching for a time he went to the Pulte Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1880. For some years he was a professor in the institution, and was also physician to the Widows' Home, and to the Old Men's, Home. He had a mechanical bent of mind, and was the inventor of what he called the just intonation piano.

A man of modest demeanor, and of quiet and gentle manners, he did his life work diligently and successfully. He was a brother of the Rev. Dr. George Hageman of Washington, Kan., and half brother of Professor Swing.

Hon. Robert Christy was born at Cadiz, O., Jan. 16, 1830. His father was David Christy, a man of considerable reputation as a writer and also as a geologist. When Robert was six years of age his parents removed to Oxford, and here he was graduated from the University in the class of 1847. He was admitted to the bar in 1853 and practiced his profession in Butler Co., for about 17 years. He was a member of the lower house in the Ohio Legislature for the term 1858-'59. In 1870 he removed to Washington, D. C., where he died April 10, 1906. While Mr. Christy was a successful practitioner at the bar, he also gave much time

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and interest to literature. He was the editor of a book eutitled—"Proverbs, Maxims and Phrases of all Ages."

Mr. Christy was a man of striking personal apperance, tall handsome and genial, and always well dressed and graceful in his movements, he could and did win many friends. The circle of his acquaintance was a wide one and by many people he was always affectionate called "Bob Christy." He had wit and other mental endowments to match his remarkable physical promise, and the news of his death has awakened many tender memories.

THE REV. DAVID MEIKLEHAM URE, D. D., was born near Stirling, in Scotland, May 10, 1834, and died at his home in Allegheny, Penn., April 24, 1906.

Dr. Ure was graduated here in 1858, and shared the first honors with Adolphus S. Dudley. The class of that year numbered 43, the largest class ever graduated here, and was a very strong class intellectually, as well as in numbers. After his graduation he studied theology in the United Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny Penn. In 1862 he was ordained as a minister in the United Presbyterian church and served the church at Argyle, N. Y., for ten years. After a short pastorate in Monmouth, Ill., he was appointed General Financial Agent for Monmouth College. After twelve years of service he was chosen to a like position for the Allegheny Theological Seminary. His good judgement, carefulness in detail, superior ability, and force of character gave his service peculiar value. He had qualities that made for himself a distinct place. He was widely known and trusted and esteemed. He was gentle and kind and genial and also quick in judgment, strong and energetic. He was a man to be loved and to besought for counsel.

The University of Wooster gave him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity.

REV. ARTHUR RALPH NAYLOR was born in Cynthiana, Ky., Dec. 36, 1812 and died at Merriam Home for aged ministers, in Newton, N. J., on May 17, 1906, in the ninety-fourth year of his age. He was graduated here in 1841, studied theology here in Oxford, in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian church in 1844. He did very effective work for many years in western Ohio and Indiana. He also did pioneer missionary work in Illinois and Kansas for twelve years. On account of his great age he retired from active service some years ago.